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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
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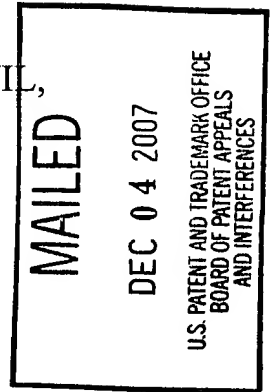
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Application 09/991,900  
Technology Center 2100

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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

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This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on November 26, 2007. A review has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below:

The USPTO received an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) submitted by Appellant on November 20, 2006. It is not clear from the record whether the Examiner considered the IDS or whether the Examiner notified Appellants why the submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

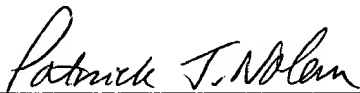
Clarification is required.

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Accordingly, it is *ORDERED* that the application is returned to the Examiner:

- (1) to properly consider the IDS received November 20, 2006, mail initialed PTO-1449 to Appellants, and have said PTO-1449 made of record in the instant application; and
- (2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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